

INDEPENDENCE DAY

By Dantzig

If the latest email from the King and further LS communication is to be believed, this is Independence Day. I don't know tonight if what I am writing will have become reality tomorrow, but I certainly hope so. The same headline more than a month ago now announced Leafstorms intentions of getting us off the BBC, and lo and behold here we are. I am sure we will all welcome the move with open arms. There has been no little upset over BBC moderation past and present. Nevertheless, let us put all bad feeling behind us. The BBC is only doing its job after all. Let's say goodbye with good grace and remember our time here fondly.

And as to the new boards, they will link off the CR site just as the old ones do. No fear of anyone getting lost it would seem. Everyone will all be required to re-register there. This will be especially handy as it gives us the opportunity to find out how many citizens are still with us. Next weekend there will be a special issue of the GA discussing its pros and cons, its new features and things lost, and giving you a chance to air your views. But till then all I can say is go forth and explore. This is a fresh start, let's make it everything it should be.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The End of J-DIC

By HM Bobness

This article is a bit of a last minute creation if we are honest. It is the feelings of J-DICs staff and our reasons for either leaving Lovely or taking a much smaller role in its existence.

Anyway, here are the thoughts and feelings of some of our finest:

Trip, Director of CTU:

It's been a fantastic experience Lovely has let me have, being Director of my own little organisation.

To my colleagues, past and present: It's been great fun with you, you've all worked so hard and made the great things we've done possible. Even though I'll probably speak to you every now and again on MSN; I'll say my goodbyes to you in private. But I just wanted to publicly praise you for being such brilliant colleagues, and more importantly, friends.

To the citizens of Lovely: You've all helped me along the way, made it fun for me, played along and at times made me laugh out loud. There are those that have already disappeared from amongst the faces in the crowd that have been through CTU's thread and

now my face will disappear from your crowd too. It's been great fun, I really like all of you (yes, all) and I wish you good luck in everything you do.

Goodbye Lovely, it's been a blast!

Babs, Deputy Director, CTU:

Although my time at CTU wasn't particularly long, and my J-DIC stint shorter again, it hasn't half been brilliant.

There's been fun times (e.g.: The plant pot scenario) and hard parts where we actually did our jobs! We all tried our best for everything, and uncovered a lot of scandal, farce and downright irrelevant rubbish. We tried hard in the CRRW, but failed, so what, we learn, and I would've liked to say we grow, but the fun stops here.

To everyone at CTU & J-DIC: I'll miss you, it's been a laugh and you're all special to me... somewhere.

To the rest of you horrors: It's been a hoot, I'll miss some more than others, I think I should mention a few, Mike, even though we have had our (minor) differences, you always were a great friend to me. Saz, my little hilarity in a box, I'll miss you so much. ID, for dumping me on the Lovely Political Ladder, and introducing me to Stilton! PAsTA, Isabelle, BJC and all the Beaus, for making the last week brilliant, Vive La Beaugium! Marie, for making me smile and keeping my thoughts up, Nat, for believing in me and always being there when needed. David Blunkett and Lord Cog, my favourite obscure comedians, I love you both, keep em all smiling, and Giddsey, keep on the ball son, good luck TAGG.

J-DIC has been worth my time for the past 7 months, and I'll miss it, and Lovely.

Smoke me a kipper guys, I'll be back for breakfast, one day...

Babs

Lord Montague:

Originally, the whole J-DIC idea was my own. It's with great sadness that I have to see my creation die, but all good things must come to an end. I'd like to thank all the people I've had the opportunity to work with through J-DIC. It's been a pleasure to meet and 'serve' with so many different people who came together with one intention; to make Lovely safe.

I write this with a sense of betrayal, having felt that certain people who should have been there for J-DIC in its crises have not been there. There are those who have played politics with us and conspired to have our powers curtailed. The same people will probably read in delight the news that J-DIC is disbanding. However, it's not all good news for those few who hate us.

We're all going to be around, in one form or another and when the situation requires it, J-DIC will come back. It will come back better, stronger and more capable than before. The organisation may be dead, but the spirit of its creation lives on.

So, here's my final message as a J-DIC Chief of Staff;

Good bye and Good luck.

PirateJames90 – CTU Agent:

I'm Staying goddamnit!!

Personally I feel J-DIC's end has come. It's been fun, but all good things come to an end. We have lost the support of our Prime Minister and the majority of citizens who cared in the first place. Also, many of us now feel unwelcome, shunned. We were relying on Loveli-ans to support us in our attempts to branch out partially into Micronations. Instead we had weird looks, bitter comments and mocking remarks. Though I am leaving J-DIC, as are we all, I may be seen from time to time on Lovely's boards.

I also echo Lord Montague's statement – if we are needed for any reason, we will return.

Well, I would love to write and babble on for longer and also give you more statements, but we just don't have them right now.

Ta'ra for now,

Ellie

THE BBC CIVIL WAR

By Rev1

The BBC Central Community Team have recently introduced controversial new changes to the BBC message boards in their bid to reform the BBC service. While these changes will have a limited effect on Lovely due to Leafstorm's new forum, the rest of the BBC users will have to live with these changes. How would they react to the announcement post on their message boards? I checked the Central Community Team's discussion list to find out.

The members of the Ouch community were initially annoyed with the 3 minute delay, but their host managed to reason with them, pointing out that their forum was at stake –

“We've discussed it here on the boards before, basically, the future of the BBC message-boards is at stake if they are seen to be inappropriately used. The BBC boards aren't like regular internet chat boards, they're meant to have topics and a purpose; if they were to lose this the BBC may consider pulling them. Not an idle threat, discussions along these lines have been happening for six months now.”

The Archers were mildly irritated at the delay but generally welcomed the new measures as a way of countering trolls. A recent invasion of 606 posters probably changed their minds.

The announcement was greeted with anger on the Old Firm forum, with most posters denouncing the new rules, furious at the idea of being on a clock. There were also plenty of banned messages, which seem to be a common theme on all of the announcement threads.

The regulars on the Radio 2 boards blamed trolls for the recent changes, until one of the trolls turned up and the thread degenerated into an argument about a catnip remark. A few more banned postings messages were in evidence.

The few survivors of the Short to Medium Range Forecasts board were baffled by the mods changing the rules two days before their board is due to be closed.

The 5 Live cycling fans were furious that they were being punished because of the actions of the cricket and sports forums, and blamed the moderators for not communicating with them

“I am frustrated at the crappy moderating on these boards. With having posts pulled for totally spurious reasons and then when you write to the BBC moderators challenging them they never respond.”

The Points Askew board was home to a heated debate about the license fee and the future of BBC message boards, with strong resistance to the plans. BBC heavyweights Peta and Doug argued the case for the new changes.

The BBC 5 Tennis fans strongly supported the new changes, as a way of countering spamming during upcoming tennis tournaments. The support waned over the next couple of days as the realities of waiting 3 minutes to post sunk in.

The Women's Hour posters didn't seem to care one way or the other.

There was more fierce resistance on the TMS boards, home to a number of Lovely citizens. The argument generally raged between people who only wanted to talk about cricket and the more community minded posters. There was also the usual TMS issues of racist postings brought up.

The battered remains of the 606 boards were brought up in Points of View with a thread called R.I.P 606. The few remaining 606 members were overwhelmingly hostile to the BBC, particularly BBC Sports Editor Chris Russell, and his controversial future plans for sports coverage on the BBC website. His plans can be read here –

http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/sporteditors/2006/06/you_and_bbc_sport_now_and_in_t.html

The Radio 2 News and Affairs message board greeted the changes with sarcasm and scorn, pointing out that the Trusted User scheme will effectively stop any new recruits in their tracks. They weren't too impressed with the delay either. This quote summed up their feelings –

“Ever get the feeling that you're not wanted?”

For the final response I checked the H2G2 message boards. Except there was no response – as usual H2G2 was exempt from the moderators' latest schemes.

This seems to be the time to publicize the whole issue of climate change. I worry about it a lot. After all, apart from the dire global consequences I live three meters under sea level as it is. I want to keep my home. I've been watching those parts of the BBC climate chaos season that I can, mainly Attenborough. And being a life long fan of Attenborough I believe what he believes. The man knows what he's talking about. Now to aid the war on warming I thought the GA should start nagging you lot as the BBC has been nagging everyone else. I asked Adam to do me an article, specifically stressing the Attenborough tone it should take. No chance there, as you can clearly see. But Adam did his research, and this is what he came up with. It's as valid an opinion on Global Warming as any, and just itching to be disproved. We'll run another one next issue, one in true Attenborough style, with full compliment of suggestions of things you, as avid computer users, can do to combat climate change. For now, read this and be outraged and be spurred into action.

Oh, and suggestion number one:

Turn your screen off when you're not using it. It uses a lot of electricity. Screen savers are all very well, but it's no big effort to push that little button. It'll do your monitor no damage whatsoever. Promise. (ed)

Climate change

By Me_Ikjhgfdsa

Basically it's all gone mental. Climate change is something that no-one agrees about most politicians say we should do stuff. Some scientists say that we can't do anything anymore, some scientists say that we nothing is happening and anyone who agrees with them is simply burying their head in the sand. Basically the planet is warming but only by 0.6° in the last century and the levels of CO₂ pumped into the atmosphere have been huge. There has been a jump in CO₂ concentration from 190-310 parts per million as apposed to a normal post ice age leap to 280ppm ish.

Should we all be cracking open each other's skulls and feast on the goo inside (for those of you who got the reference that was deliberate)? No this has all happened before. When Greenland was colonised it was actually green, in the early 2nd millennium CE grapes were grown in southern England. The Medieval Warm Period (800–1300) was not as fast as the current change (a change of about 0.1° a century) but had fairly dramatic effect we survived.

What we should be cracking each other's skulls open about is the fact that we are now going to have to disband civilisation in order to stop the climate changing - like it has been doing forever. The estimated cost of Kyoto (note that this figure as with all stats is disputed by 96.1% of people) thus far is over \$197.5bn (roughly £107bn or €156bn). These figures are not expenses (solar panels are expensive but not that expensive) but the amount that our economy has lost due to not being allowed to do things and make stuff that pump out CO₂. Basically Homo erectus started using fire some 790,000 years ago and now we are all going to have to stop burning things because a few people are a bit hot.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel... I'm sure there is... Oh yes. Blackpool will become an island which means more beach and more reason for those who don't like Blackpool not to go there. And hopefully the recent good weather will continue.

House Rules Email

This is the email sent to Leafstorm by the government concerning the house rules on the new forum. (ed)

23-May-2006 00:58

Hiya

Having both had a thread over the weekend, and an open meeting last night to discuss the issue, we came up with these things that need rules on. As well as the sort of rules we'd like to see on those issues. Thanks again for letting us do this, it's great to really feel we can have a positive impact on the future of Lovely.

Language

Discussion covered if we needed to have foreign languages. Generally we know it's difficult but we feel any language a moderator can be found to moderate should be allowed on a foreign Language board.

Sample Rule:

Due to the nature of moderating posts in foreign language, posts not in English should be posted in the foreign language board. Only languages which we the staff are able to moderate will be allowable on the forums. Posts must state what language they are in on their title on the foreign language boards in brackets. i.e. (French)

Age limit

This was a hard one. As much as we wanted to be all inclusive especially as some well known citizens are minors, considering legal issues everyone admitted that a limit needed setting, although we wanted to have the youngsters in. Thus it was decided that it might be best to run a system where those who are under the age limit (16 was the figure branched about in the meeting) would have to supply two e-mail addresses to register, one theirs the other that of their parent or guardian. The account would need validating by both parties to become active.

Sample Rule:

Users under the age of 16 are required to supply the e-mail address of their parent/guardian in order to register an account. All emails concerning moderation and rule breaking will be sent to both e-mail accounts and upon the request of the parental party the account will

be locked. Users discovered to have lied about being over the age of 16 will have their accounts locked.

External links

Looked at favourably. House Rules need to state that the site is not responsible for external links. Also links to inappropriate material should be removed by the moderators (see post moderation)

Sample Rule

You are allowed to post external links, but should these contain any material prohibited by the house rules, such links will be removed.

Prohibited Material:

The standard stuff that is prohibited on the BBC, more clarity given though to give the moderators a better idea and so citizens know where they stand. Swearing is a sticky issue with some citizens wanting to swear more. However generally it's considered that as we want minors about, have lived without swearing on Lovely so far and don't want to offend anyone we'll go without swearing. That said Moderators should be liberal with their moderating, only removing the fairly timid words (such as the ones that the BBC filters don't stop automatically) if complained about.

Sample Rule

We, the staff, reserve the right to modify, remove or relocate any and all posts by any member without prior consent if such posts contain any offensive, graphic or illegal material. This includes, but is not limited to: Racial slurs, cursives, harassment, sexual slurs, threats, nudity and/or pornographic material and advice on illegal matters, or references to such organisations.

Account moderating:

The moderation of people's accounts, i.e. temporarily or permanently banning them or putting them in a state of premoderation is a necessary evil of running a forum. However communication between citizens and moderators is very important. Every effort must be made to insure that citizens are given a chance to mend their ways with warnings. Once a user is identified as a trouble maker and put under scrutiny from the moderators they must be informed that they are being watched.

Sample Rule:

Repeated breaking of the rules will not be tolerated. Those who repeatedly break the rules will be informed that they are breaking the rules excessively and are under the attention of the moderators. Further breaking of the rules will lead to punishment up to and including the deletion of all accounts present and future should the staff learn of your return to the site.

Pictures:

Depending if we get avatars or embeddable pictures there should be limits on size and type due to various internet connections. Also ones that are deemed to be of prohibited material will be removed.

Sample Rule:

Any images are to be of a respectable size, as to avoid impairing the use of the boards for another user. This is to be considered for an average user, with a resolution of less than 1000 pixels across and connection speed of 56K. For the same reason animated images or images of size greater than 100 by 100 pixels are not allowed and will be removed by the staff, as will any images that are deemed by the staff to count as prohibited material.

Spam and spamvertising – purposeful repeat postings, profit – charity

A bit foggy on what classifies spam and spamvertising (advertising other threads and sites via blanket posting) and what is acceptable or not. Generally if it annoys the users it should be removed.

Sample Rules:

Posts repeated on multiple threads that are deemed not to contribute to the thread in a purposeful manner or to otherwise be lacking in purpose are liable to be removed as spam by the staff.

Advertising of external sites is allowed but follows the same rules as any external link. No links to sites requiring payment are allowed to be posted with the exception of charity sponsorship sites. That said any charity site that is complained about and is deemed by the staff to be of a dubious nature will be removed.

Multiple accounts:

Due to the role-playing element of life in Lovely we believe secondary accounts should be allowed but should be regulated so as to stop them causing too much trouble.

Sample Rule:

Multiple secondary accounts for the purpose of role playing are allowable. All secondary accounts must be declared as a secondary account to the staff, failure to declare will result in the account being deleted. Breaking of rules in one account will lead to scrutiny and punishment on all accounts. Even if playing a specific role the rules are not to be broken.

Moderators and Moderation in general.

Ok we'll be optimistic and hope that you go for citizen mods in the phrasing but a lot of this stuff is important anyway. Moderators should have a private/hidden moderator board so that they can communicate with each other. This will lead to more consistent modding, easier identification of trouble makers and more of a paper trail in case moderators get complaints (all moderating should be recorded on the mod board). Citizen moderators are to be open for election so that those who the citizens don't think are good mods are replaced. Also the powers of citizen mods and leafstorm mods to be clarified (the locking / banning / deleting of accounts is to be kept in the hands of Leafstorm mods for example). The process of complaining about a specific moderator (although not moderating decision) also to be clarified. Repeated false complaining should be punished.

Sample Rules:

Citizen Moderators have powers to edit, move and delete posts as they deem fit.

Banning of accounts will be done by the Leafstorm moderators.

Moderators are expected to inform the user if their post is moderated. Any editing of a post will result in an "edited by..." message appearing so that users know who has edited the post.

The Moderators will not be drawn into lengthy discussions on specific judgements nor will they be expected to reverse decisions. Any objections will be noted and kept in mind for future moderation judgements.

As a member of the site you are required to inform the moderators of anything that you deem to be in violation of the rules.

Any complaints about a specific moderator and their moderating of the boards are to be put to the Independent Moderators. The Moderator will lose their moderator privileges while under investigation and if found to have acted beyond their remit the change from being a Moderator will be permanent. That is to say they will be forbidden from standing in future Moderator Elections. Complaints deemed to be without basis will be ignored and the moderator reinstated. Continual false complaints will constitute breaking the rules and the user will be dealt with in an appropriate fashion.

Thanks

Mike - Prime minister

again

The King's newsletter

Printed by the GA just in case

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Citizens of Lovely

I am writing to you today with the news you have all been waiting for, it is time for us, the people of Lovely to celebrate another landmark in the history of our great nation - it is time for us to declare our independence!

Independence from whom I hear you ask, have aliens attacked us? Has the British government decided to invade? No, I have had a brilliant idea.

Whilst having a cup of the King's Cocktail and catching up with the news on the message boards I suddenly realised that we have for far too long been relying on the BBC to help us communicate. If we are ever to gain international recognition we must start doing things for ourselves. We must embrace change to insure that Lovely grows and so that one day we can hang our flag outside the UN. Therefore the time has come to wave goodbye to Auntie Beeb and stand on our own two feet. I am very proud to announce that we now have our very own Lovely message boards. These new boards will herald a new era for Lovely and will be a testament to our independence and freedom. But with such freedom comes great responsibility and I call on each and every one of you to do your bit for King and country and to keep our new message boards lovely.

I wish to thank our Government for assisting with our restructuring and the citizens who helped with ideas. Leafstorm and myself have tried to incorporate as many of your suggestions as possible into the new set up and we sincerely hope you are pleased with the end result. The new boards will continue to be linked from the main citizensrequired website. However each citizen will have to register themselves on the new boards but I hope you'll agree that this is a small price to pay for our freedom.

For those of you who are worried about Lovely's history on the old boards, fear not, our past is not going to vanish into thin air! After hosting a series of International talks in a well know coffee shop on Wood Lane , the kind folks at the BBC have agreed to archive our old boards for posterity. So remember to create bookmarks for your favourite messages in case you ever want to take a trip down memory lane.

I wish to thank you all for your patience whilst the new boards have been built and for coping so well with the changes on the BBC boards. Now, the answer to the question you have all been so desperate to know... when will this prestigious day be? After careful consideration, I can officially announce that from this day forth Lovely's Independence Day will be celebrated on Monday 12th June! I have also discovered that this date is the Brazilian version of Valentine's Day ("Dia dos Namorados"). A fitting tribute to a nation called Lovely I think you will agree. So pack your bags over the weekend, bookmark your favourite links for posterity and start thinking of how you are going to celebrate Lovely's very own Independence Day... flags, bunting, fireworks and a bit of champagne for those not driving!!

Yours lovingly,

King Danny I of Lovely

P.S don't forget to pass the news onto Citizens who don't receive the newsletter we wouldn't want to lose anyone in the move now would we!!

An end to War

By HM Bobness

I was asked by Nathalie to draft an article explaining the ins and outs of the recent Micronational War in which Lovely was involved. Whilst I am happy to do this, I see very little point in drafting out a blow by blow account. This is because I know full well most Lovelian citizens either do not care, think we've gone mad or can't stomach such a big article on a Monday morning. And if I am honest, that is fair enough. I will, though, say this.

To answer those of you who think we have gone 'mad' by participating in a Micronational War, I would like to tell you that none of us have. There is not a soul in the J-DIC set up who actually thinks we have fully armed troops sitting in our back garden or three destroyers and a frigate tucked away in the porch. It is just a game. Imagine playing Command and Conquer but instead writing each move down as narrative.

Anyway, to cut a very long and messy story short.

Lovely went into an event known as the Circum-Raynor RecWar (Recreational War) as neutral observers. We were then 'attacked' by a force that should, by rights have no land on the map. Lovely then sided with her allies who were 'fighting' an old and rogue Lovelian called Woodrow.

A Micronation who were at that time neutral, called Alexandria then got a bit annoyed. They found out the person in control of their 'Navy' in the fight was actually working for Lovely, and so decided to join the opposition side.

What followed was lots of pointless bickering between us and this Nation over our use of 'spies'. They claimed we were being too serious and we said we were not and that they were. It got a bit childish at times but hey, it was only a game after all.

So, Lovely continued sending spies into our enemies as it has been doing for the past however many months of CTU's existence. The argument got worse as Lovely found an Alexandrian spy in our Forums. The Alexandrians claimed he had nothing to do with them, and the bickering still carried on. Also at this time Lovely had been approached by one of the Judges of the war, Graius, who claimed he wanted to join CTU as a spy but not for this war. So, very cautiously we said ok and tried to see what he was really after.

Then the event happened that really annoyed us. Lovely was 'charged' by the judges with taking the war too seriously and banned from that event and all others for three months. The Judge Graius then came out claiming he had himself been spying on Lovely as part of some 'investigation' or other, the point of which we never quite found out. The Alexandrian's spy came out shouting once we had been disqualified, but claimed he was ok as well, as he was also running some sort of investigation for the 'Alexandrian Police', the object of which we never found either.

Then Lovely's Prime Minister, PsychoticMike, turned up and offered a full apology to all sides 'hurt' by our actions. He did not even take five minutes to listen to our side of the story. He didn't care that it was fine for the Judges and enemy nations to spy on us - we just couldn't spy on them! Mike also failed to support people he had known for several months in Lovely - his own Citizens - over a group of Micronationalists. It was around this time many members of J-DIC just stopped caring. I was one of them. People on the Lovely message boards were branding us insane and 'weird' (despite the fact we are ALL part of a 'country' that doesn't actually exist!) and the people of Micronations were showing the same old biased opinions they had from the start - well most of them were anyway.

Here, I would like to say that Anthelia, a Micronation who stood by Lovely, stuck up for us and agreed that our use of 'spies' was pretty fair as it is a realistic element of warfare.

Now this article has missed bits out, it doesn't tell you everything and there are many who may tell you it is a pile of rubbish. But it is how I feel things went. It is how Trip feels things went and how many others from J-DIC feel events went. Lovely is not claiming to be innocent and angelic. It seems we broke Micronational Rules by spying and that is fair enough. What gets us is that another Country and even a judge could 'legally' spy on us but we could not spy on them.

The citizens of our own Country branded us weird and our supposed Prime Minister failed to support us.

As this article goes to print, J-DIC has decided to disband as we feel the whole affair has left us with no role to play in Lovely.

Good Luck to England in the World Cup and good luck to all Lovelians who are supporting us. Stay safe.

Ellie

This article was written on the 27th of May. It's a blow by blow account of the war till that moment. Ellie has since written another article about the war, which just gives the broad overview. Stick to that if you're not interested in the details. But I thought I'd include this anyway. I don't think it would be such a bad thing if more of Lovely tried to understand a bit about Micronations. (ed)

The Circum-Raynor War

What happened

By HM Bobness

A couple of weeks ago, the Kingdom of Lovely's Joint-Defence Intelligence Committee decided to send an Observation Task Force to the Circum-Raynor Micronational RecWar. The conflict was between Woodstania and an Alliance of several other Micronations including Riponia and Matbaa.

Lovely's Task Force of around five ships set sail for Woodstania where the Allies were closing in on President Woodrow. At this time the battle was mostly Naval and when our Task Force arrived, we joined the Empire of Alexandria as observers.

As the conflict grew into a bitter fight, Lovely and Alexandria stepped in as Peacekeepers and stationed their fleets between the opposing sides. They were joined by Nova England and Stormark who both had fleets in the area. The Grand Commonwealth nation Babkha (not currently registered on the MCS Map) sent a fleet into the mess as well.

The situation had seemed to stabilize until the 16th of May when the Babkhan Navy, flying under the flag of a Micronation that does have land on the map, attacked the LRN Task Force. This came as a shock to us and we looked to our friends and allies to keep them off our backs whilst we retreated to our nearest Naval Base. Lovely was not looking for war, it was a Peacekeeping Force.

So, we intended to go back in greater numbers alongside our allies from Alexandria and take down the Babkha / Hurmuan fleet. However, the Alexandrians joined the Woodstani-ans and Babkhans in the last gasp defence of Woodstania.

A week of tense diplomatic relations and harsh exchanges led to a situation where the Allies invaded Woodstania, Alexandria took a large chunk for itself and sat there guarding it and Babkha helped the Woodstani-ans in any way possible. At the same time, Natopia declared war on Lovely on the side of the Alexandrians and Nova England joined the Allies. Following Natopia's declaration of war and the movement of Alexandrian Naval Forces to

an 'undisclosed' destination, Lovely became scared for her Home Defence. Lord Montague raised a Home Guard and J-DIC's alert status went to Black Special – its highest level.

The Babkhan's next input came when they decided to fire on unarmed ships full of Nova England troops. Nova England was forced to scuttle its fleet and lose 6000 of its force. Lovely's newly arrived and heavily reinforced fleet provided Combat Search and Rescue as well as, alongside the 1st Air Assault Army of the Lovely Army, helping the Allies take the last remaining city in Woodstania.

On May 27th, relations between Alexandria and Lovely remain tense and a peace conference is planned. Lovely has received thanks from the Nova England/New Britannian force it aided but no apology from the Babkhans. Our fleet remains in the area and operational.

Micronational War

The rules and the regulations

For a basic explanation of the ins and outs of Micronational war you could read the article by Politicalaction in the GA war supplement of the 2nd December 2005 (http://thega.org/04_12_05print_SPECIAL_WAR_ISSUE.pdf)

Or you could read the SNARL Charter in full at

<http://www.shireroth.org/wiki/index.php?title=SNARL>

Don't bother doing both, they're virtually identical.

(ed)

Lies, Spies and Micronationalists

By Dantzig

The Circum-Raynor war has not only wreaked organised havoc Micronationally, it has caused quite a row at home as well. All manner of questions have arisen surrounding Lovely's disqualification from the recwar and Babs' subsequent dismissal from government. Questions it would appear it is my job to answer. So, to the best of my abilities, I have tried. I have interviewed everyone I could get hold of who was likely to be of use and I have picked over all the information I received till I think I have as good an idea of what happened as anyone is likely to get. I am not going to print or release the full interviews, as I don't think that is necessary or in anyone's best interests. There are some things that better stay unheard. You are going to have to trust to my judgement and my integrity. I'm naïve enough to believe you will.

The Circum-Raynor war was a recreational war, governed by the SNARL Charter. Section V A of this Charter reads:

The League is intended primarily to have fun, improve literary and tactical skills, and to build micronational patriotism. Anyone caught taking the wars too seriously or trying to win at all costs will be reprimanded, banned, or disliked.

When members of the CTU were caught spying in Alexandria they were brought before the Judge assigned to preside over the war, Graius. After a short trial he disqualified Lovely from the Circum-Raynor war and banned us from taking part in any other recwar for between one and three months.

(see <http://p100.ezboard.com/fmicronationalnewsnetwork48264frm23.showMessage?topicID=67.topic> and <http://p100.ezboard.com/fmicronationalnewsnetwork48264frm23.showMessage?topicID=69.topic>)

This has given rise to several questions.

Did Lovely break the rules?

The short answer is yes. Although section VA of SNARL doesn't specifically state so it is generally accepted among micronations that spying falls outside the purview of recwars.

Did the CTU and J-DIC know this was the case?

Perhaps not in the beginning. Though one member of CTU claims to have understood spying to be against the SNARL rules, most had no idea. However, both Babs and Trip were confronted with the fact by Graius before and during the trial. Neither party showed any sign of caring or intention to cease their activities. During the trial the J-DIC's attitude of contempt for the SNARL Charter was such that it earned us our now infamous sentence. Perhaps Lovely could not have been expected to know the ins and outs of recwar, but a positive and cooperative attitude would have gone a long way to smoothing over the problems this caused.

Did other micronations spy on Lovely?

There has been a lot of talk of this. J-DIC claim to have evidence that Pete James, Alexandrian Economics minister, and Graius, CR Judge, both tried to infiltrate the CTU to gather information. As I have heard both sides of these stories I can say with certainty this is true.

Was that not also against the rules?

In the case of Graius, no. Representing no micronation in the war and receiving all tactical information anyway he had nothing to gain from infiltrating CTU. It was done in an effort to establish the scale of CTU spying operations. In the case of Pete James, who knows? CTU have dropped all charges against him and as such no decision can be taken by the Judges on the matter.

Was the Judge biased?

Maybe a bit fed up with Lovely's persistent bad manners. Maybe therefore a little quicker to pass sentence. But biased? No. And believe me, I was all too eager to find him corrupt as anything. He isn't.

Another unpleasant consequence of the spying operations was Babs sacking from the government. Before accepting Babs into his government position Mike asked him to choose between that and CTU. Not wanting to give up his newfound responsibilities as acting head at CTU Babs:

"...eventually told a teeny weeny lie and told him I'd leave CTU."

Trip later claimed to have deliberately sent Babs into government as a plant to feed him minutes and information. Whether this is true I can't say for sure, but Babs at no point during his interview confirmed it. When asked about this Mike said:

"The allegations made by CTU that he was spying on the government are completely ridiculous. Babs attended one meeting upon his acceptance into the government, the following meeting had several guests, and Trip was one of those invited, he chose not to attend. In the two meetings regarding the move, Trip was also invited, and I prefer to think of them as meetings of many intelligent and dedicated citizens, orchestrated by the government, with almost every group represented, rather than government meetings."

Did the PM sack Mike because he was a CTU plant?

This is hardly a serious question. This was the PM's statement on the affair:

Q: So you sacked Babs solely because he was involved in the shady goings on in the war?

A: "No, when I accepted his application to join the government I also gave the condition that he had no involvement in the activities of CTU or J-DIC, he defied that and persisted with a role there."

Was Babs a spy?

This is a key question now, because it is half the reason he was sacked from government. Babs denied his involvement in the spying fiasco till the very last, but was eventually, in the face of irrefutable evidence forced to admit that he was a longstanding spy in Alexandria, under the name Calactrode.

All this having played out CTU and J-DIC yesterday announced their intention to disband, pleading abandonment by Lovely as a whole and betrayal by Mike in particular.

Do they have a point?

Yes they do. The PM, in talks with Graius and other micronational bigwigs did next to nothing to plead CTU's case. Being inexperienced in recreational warfare and feeling put upon by an increasingly hostile micronational community, naturally suspicious after Lovely's turbulent micronational past, CTU felt abandoned by their PM giving in without question to the powers that be. Mike's comment on this

"The lack of tact they showed towards the other micronations was appalling. I would've have given them support if they hadn't conducted their affairs in such an arrogant and disregarding manner."

is all very well, but being Lovely's PM and as such representing ALL our citizens he ought to have tried harder to smooth things over and resolve the situation in a rather less drastic manner than was eventually the case.

As for the general population, do we even know what CTU and J-DIC do? Do we take any interest in this substantial group of our citizens? The general opinion seems to be one of ridicule. Is that Lovely in any way? All they are doing is filling their own comfortable niche in Lovely. Representing our side in micronational affairs. I think they deserve our support in this. After all, whether we care or not, whether we like it or not, we are a very big micronation. We need people who are interested and informed running that side of our fair nation. And even if most of us couldn't care either way about micronations, there are some that do, and they are part of Lovely, and we owe it to them and to ourselves to make them welcome and happy here. All are welcome, to coin a tired phrase. So make them feel it. I think the big scandal here is not the spying, or the sacking. It is the fact that a small group of very productive and enthusiastic citizens has been made to feel so ignored, betrayed and unwelcome that they have decided to find something else to do with their time.

So all you jaded cynics, all of you who scorn those involved in activities you do not deem realistic or worthy, take a good look at what is really important here. Lovely is for everyone, and for everyone should it be lovely. Let's not have this happen again.

The Briefing

By Schaferlord

Europe:

Talk is Cheap

Good news for those Lovelies who live and holiday within the EU and like to phone those in other countries. Many of the continents biggest mobile network operators including, Orange, T-Mobile and TeliaSonera amongst others, have agreed a cap on charges for using each others networks as people with phones move from country to country. This comes after the EU Commission made noises about further regulation including stopping surplus charges for using other companies' networks (meaning that a call will cost the same regardless of which country you or the person your calling is in). The companies hope that this display of the industry regulating itself will stop the EU from regulating mobile telecommunications in the future. The current cap on charges; to come into place in October, agreed between the companies taking place in the agreement is 45 Euro Cents a minute (roughly 31p British money at the moment) which is planned to fall further to 36 Euro Cents in October 2007.

More info Look here:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/5038416.stm>

Americas:

Price of Gas Guzzling driving car makers to despair

Car makers Ford and General Motors have both seen car sales slump with the price of petrol pushing the near extortionate \$3 a gallon (roughly £1.60 or 2.34 Euros). Thus in an attempt to correct this General Motors has started to subsidise the fuel costs of those who buy new cars meaning that their customers don't pay more than \$1.99 (£1.05, 1.55 euros) a gallon. Ford however have taken the step of giving away an amount of fuel depending on the car from anywhere between \$1000-\$4000 worth of petrol which could be more successful.

[More Info: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/5036004.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/5036004.stm)

Asia:

Smoking makes you stupid

Well at least in North Korea where the continuing push against smoking has led to the government to announce plans to prevent smokers being eligible to go to university. This comes as the government pushes to get the level of smokers down from a believed 40% of the population to fewer than 30% by 2010. Smokers being declared as one of the "three main fools of the 21st Century" by the North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il.

[More info: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/5036576.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/asia-pacific/5036576.stm)

Middle East:

Democracy hindered in Palestine

Since Hamas, the radical Palestinian group which had long supported and run the suicide bombings known to occur in the region was elected as the head of the Palestinian authority the amount of foreign money being put in to fund the existence of the Palestinian authority has radically dropped. Both the United States and the European Union have frozen their aid payments until the democratically elected party concedes on some issues while Israel is withholding tens of millions of dollars that are due the Authority through the customs that Israel collects on the Authority's behalf. Things have come to a head now with civil servants for the Palestinian Authority striking after failing to be paid for three months running. Hamas has promised to pay around \$55 million for next months wage bill with all staff being paid at least an advance on their actual salary although it is currently unknown where this money is coming from.

More Info as ever if you want it can be found:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/5030396.stm

Africa:

Dafur crisis continues

The African Union's proposed peace agreement failed with two splinter factions of the main Sudanese Liberation Army (the force that is predominantly fighting against the Sudanese government due to its pro-Arab policies in the region that discriminate against the Black Africans of Sudan) didn't sign the agreement claiming that it wasn't fair on the people of Dafur. With the Sudanese government still resisting a UN peacekeeping mission coming; in despite claiming to want an end of the conflict and denying the arming of the Janjaweed militias that have been forcing the Black African population of the Dafur region out of their homes and causing what is generally considered to be one of the worlds worst humanitarian disasters today, the crisis is likely to run for quite some time yet.

More Info: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/5037452.stm>

POLITICS

"Election time draws near..." - By Razerbug



The "Other" Government - With so many of the current and ex-Government members showing support for Rev, is this the future of Lovely politics? - By Razerbug



Letter to Leafstorm

From HS

Copy of a letter e-mailed to Leafstorm on Sunday morning a couple weeks ago.

To whom it may concern

As you are aware from previous correspondence, the Electoral Commission was founded on 5 April 2006 to administer the electoral system in the Kingdom of Lovely. Our main thread on the message boards can be found here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2399969?thread=2657601>

We currently have three Commissioners actively working to promote public awareness of electoral and parliamentary matters - Viscount HS, I_S_I_T and Ozlawchik.

Since our inception we have maintained a register of political parties <http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2399969?thread=2741660> and so far 5 of Lovely's largest and most active political parties have signed up. We also have strong support from individuals wishing to stand independently in forthcoming elections.

In my last letter to you, I alerted you to the fact that the next General Election is due to take place in Lovely this August. I would request that on the new message boards, which we very much look forward to, a section of the board dedicated to polls, elections and referendums is set up and the controls to that section are handed to the Electoral Commission. Please contact me on the e-mail address below to discuss the logistics of this.

In addition, there remains strong support for a Parliament to be set up and the Commission will stop at nothing to ensure that this is achieved. One only has to look at other established micronations to see that a national parliament is a hallmark of sovereignty. I would therefore request that on the new boards a Parliament section is set up and at least initially the controls to that section are handed to the Electoral Commission in order for MPs to be democratically elected.

On a final note I would like to extend the Commission's gratitude for your continued commitment to our fine country.

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OPINIONS PAGE

Escape

By TheMilkMan

Ah, yet again we have been forced to move by the intolerable BBC forces which threaten the beautiful lands of Lovely, and it has now come to the time where we can no longer bare to be with them, and have started the campaign for the independence of Lovely. Like the Americans did before us, the time has come to rebel resist and revolt the powers which have stoped us in our simple and friendly ways, as if we were causing harm or trouble.

A new "3-minute-delay" has been enforced upon us, as if to control and stop some of the valid things we say. So what if some are meaningless to the BBC? Everything means something to at least one Citizen.

Being forced back into the refugee-camp has, for me, been the final straw from the BBC, and I feel for many others also. Another forum has sprung from the refugee-camp style independence, the Beaugian Forums, which has stated PAsTA as king, which I am in full support of.

I feel, the sooner we escape the apartheid-esq freedom-of-speech-removing BBC, the better, and we will all be much better off. As Charlie Chaplin once said "Dictators free themselves, but enslave the people". This is evident with the BBC, but it shall be reversed on them. They enslaved us to their own way of communication, and we shall escape, and free ourselves.

Rant

By Lady Marie

Three minute's to post!!!

Whats this about? Well the BBC said it is to encourage people to think about what they post. Does anyone? I never do. What is the point of having a general chat section if you can't generally chat? Good question. Does anyone other than the BBC have an answer to this?

Anyway my rant for this week is that we don't need it. The boards have worked fine, well maybe not fine but we coped and carried on and posted and chatted regardless. Maybe this is what the BBC don't want. Maybe we all got too close as friends and no one other than Danny expected it! I don't know. All I can really say is I don't like it. I used to love chatting to countless people on different threads, or even the same people just different convo's, some more silly than others. But the three minute rule has killed all that and if we didn't have new boards to go to soon it would probably kill Lovely. I for one know a few people that have left as a direct result of this new rule. It stinks. There is no real need for it other than the BBC trying to push us out and make us want to leave. Why would they do this? It's simple; because they want to close their message boards. Arrrggghhh, outrage, panic, moan. I don't just use the Lovely message boards, I use other BBCi boards and have talked to some really nice people and wonder where it will leave us all if/when they do close all BBC message boards. It's easy for us CR users, we have our own new boards to look forward to, but where will it leave people without this option.

It leaves them in nowhere land with no where to talk, which I think is very sad!!! Well this is it rant over and I will finish by saying byeee y'all see you in our new home! And for anyone thinking they won't move... get yer bags packed you are coming with us hehehe.

Thanks again see you all soon
Marie

Vermicelli

An assortment of short articles by PirateAsTheArtist.

Don't Mention The War!

During the brief "war" amongst some of the Micronations last week, Lord Montague set up a thread entitled "LOVELY AT WAR - Join the Home Guard!", which drew a fairly interesting set of postings. Whilst I indicated that, as King of the Grand Principality of Beaugium, the Beaugians could not condone any aggressive action against other nations, on enquiring about the position of War Poet, I was informed that the post was vacant. In response, I submitted the following as part of my application:

The War Poet

A man went to war with a Poem
But the Army decided to throw 'im
O'er the top they did toss him
And the enemy, they shot him,
So no-one did read him
Or know 'im...

Fortunately the “war” ended shortly afterwards (though I cannot claim any credit for this!), so the Lovely Home Guard has been disbanded and there is no longer a requirement for a War Poet. Which is probably just as well...

Beyond the Stilton

I can't remember how it all started, except there was definitely an exchange between ID and myself on a thread somewhere, I think we were tunnelling through Stilton or something, and I pondered the deeply philosophical question: “What lies beyond the Stilton?”

This led to a thread of its own, full of highly surreal posts, and recently ID decided to start a cult based on such a question. Apparently, he met King Danny the other day, and the King has joined the “Beyond Stilton” cult...

The Growth of MySpace

Ooer Mississ I hear you cry. Settle down, settle down, I refer of course to the Social Networking website, where anyone can post their own stuff and create a mini-website to exchange thoughts and opinions and generally post whatever they like to say about themselves, pictures, audio clips, links to friends' pages, messages etc. etc.

There are a variety of these sites about, including Frappr, Bebo, et al, but MySpace seems to be the one that has taken off amongst Lovely People just lately. Even Lovely itself has one (www.myspace.com/citizensrequired).

Watch out for advertising scams and dodgy posters though, as with anything on the Internet...

Another Bank Holiday Offline Moment...

As the Bank Holiday approached, online Lovely breathed a heavy collective sigh as yet again the Server ran into difficulties, and despite assurances from the BBC that it would be fixed that evening, it was some time before all was well again. This time it was a problem with the database software that prevented new users joining or existing users logging on, although it was possible to see all the postings that had already been made – just no facility to add new ones, that's all. Thankfully this time, the BBC technicians worked hard to fix it and did so successfully, allowing us to carry on about our normal business in the way we all know and love...

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SHORT FICTION

Lonely

By Razerbug

A post apocalyptic possible future of our proud nation and its undying spirit.

Suggested BG music: "End of all hope" by Nightwish
"Ever Dream" by Nightwish
"Letter Bomb" by GreenDay
"Everything burns" Anastacia and Ben Moody

All characters contained here forthwith are entirely fictional. This is an exercise in fantasy and is no reflection on the author's opinion about persons or events. If you want those, ask him.

"This, the paper, this rebels rag, piece of filth. We control what? 99% of the countries and territories of the earth and we can't silence one little dot in the pacific? It's not even a real country for crying out loud!" the unseen "master" barked from the clichéd yet somehow still threatening shadows in the dark of his citadel, somewhere.

Nathalie didn't appreciate the megalomaniac theatrics, but to be fair she couldn't see them, the speaker in her ear simply fed her the tinny com tap of the eastern sounding man who had risen to power two years ago; "The Master"

"Who is the enforcer for that pitiful speck of land?" "The Master" was continuing. Delicate fingers forced the earpiece in deeper. "Koren... don't know him, not native? Well that'll make things easier." Nathalie simply nodded making notes of the one sided communication she was eavesdropping on from half a world away.

Her eyes rolled to the ceiling, if you could call it that. It was a basement roof, technically made of concrete - although that had been replaced by rubble held together by cracks. The old Guardian Angel press office that had stood above ground on this spot had been decimated, not a brick stood atop another. This basement cellar was all Nathalie had to call home.

It served its purpose. From here she had built up an information network to rival that of The Master (at least she liked to think so) - if someone sneezed in The Masters republic of China, she would know about it from a contact in Naples.

A click.

At first barley heard... Nat flicked her eyepiece into place, felt the metal arm against her left cheek. Was the line clean? She initiated a trace. Another click, this one different in tone and length. Not a trace then. A slow smile crossed the young woman's face - it was a special moment, not many chances for happiness presented themselves in the hell that had taken a heaven.

"How long have you been there?" she asked the air. As if by way of answer rock music whispered from the speakers and headphones dotted around her computer consoles - at least, it sounded like music - it was more a memory of what music would sound like. An imperfect recording.

"I don't have time for games Chris." it was a foolish hope, that name had had little meaning for him since the first bombs fell.

"Fine."

The smile of happiness became one of determination.

"Time you stopped running digital dreamer, he's forced my hand, have to act quickly and you might as well be my first."

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The shoe impacted into Stewart's gut with a grunt mixed with an amusing out rush of air. Amusing, that is, to the only thing that put a smile on the victims face now a days, Mercury, to use the name she'd adopted for some time.

"Stop sunnin' yourself you lazy bum and get back to harvesting. Don't make me throw me other one!"

Stewart smiled blinking through the blinding sun. Mercury stood over him, mock indignation as thick on her silver face as in her accent-laden commands. Lovely hadn't had time to develop a real accent - so Mercury's Melbourne twang still rung true in the cold morning air.

Stewart hauled himself out of the deckchair, he smiled at Mercury - even in the harsh Lovely sun, with a day in the fields ahead of her, she wore her purple velvet dress, its crushed radiance reflecting off her metallic features. The Bombs had had an effect on just about everyone - Madam of Mercury had taken on her name sake. Still, Stewart couldn't complain - nowadays his brown hippie locks where a shade of Old-Rocker-Grey.

The deckchair creaked almost as much as his hard worked bones as he pulled himself upright - he barley noticed as his ironic keepsake blew from his belt and was carried away out of the farm and across the desert. His ID card.

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Nathalie plucked the dusty piece of laminated paper out of the sand - the farm stood on the horizon, quiet, too quiet.

She looked down at the card, ID05 - and a lovely flag - a joke from the good old days, years ago. Worry began to take Nathalie as it always did, her eyepiece read nothing unusual, but she still turned to her companion for assurance. Beside her floated The Razor Bug - his feet about half a foot off the floor, made entirely of black light, two huge red eyes burned as the only features of his face, and his whole form was covered with silver blades, a residual image of course. In the beginning, when the bombs fell, the silent figure had been a man, flesh and blood who had somehow transubstantiated and hid from the real world in what was left of the internet.

He didn't say anything. Nat hadn't expected him to.

As they approached the farm, an oasis of life in the otherwise desert of this country, Nat was relieved to see the tall old hippy running his weathered hands through his silver/grey locks.

She flicked her eyepiece away as bulletins about insurgencies in Megamerica and the Arabian Republic came in from contacts around the world. She noted an email from an old friend... he'd risked a lot for that one, but his timing was impeccable.

Stewart nearly leapt out of his sun worn skin as Nat called out to him in her Dutch accent.

No one visited The Farm

"You dropped something Identity Card." she announced with mock hostility.

Stewart's eyes fixed on the young woman in her twenties striding out of the desert wastes into the most fertile piece of land, his land, for miles around. Her brown hair blew in strands across her face and almost obscured the radio head gear, high tech eye piece and aerials protruding from some transmitter unit; Nathalie was always monitoring, always connected, she was The Angel, the last source of free news. As such, Stewart, or anyone for

that matter, had seen neither hide nor hair of her since The Master's forces landed in Lovely.

He took the battered card from her hand, he remembered making this, as a joke almost ten years ago. Citizens forced to carry identity had been a joke back then. He rubbed his arm above the microchip, the joke wasn't funny now.

He didn't recognise the black figure at her side although there seemed something oddly familiar about it. He offered his hand and was about to shake when two large razors sprang from the back of the figures hands. The suddenness shocked both of them and the black figure hung his head seemingly shammed, hiding the hand behind his back. "Hi" Stewart managed. The figure opened his undefined mouth with what seemed like a smile, but only a quiet modem phone-line noise escaped.

"Razerbug's not been himself for a while now." Nat said simply.

"Straight to business old man, The Master's finally got around to this silly little island and anyone not with him isn't going to be against him because they'll be lying dead in a shallow grave."

Nathalie was direct nowadays. Stewart opened his mouth, and then shut it again.

"No, your little farm won't be safe." Stewart nodded, she continued "Worse, our old friends are about to be the first casualties. Rev and his band of freedom fighters don't know what's coming and Wombat and his "Burrow" have heard the same news I have; they're meeting us, and the rebels next stop."

She offered her hand, not directly at him, but just past, enough to be welcoming Mercury who had listened as she walked out to meet the newcomers, she draped an arm around Stewarts broad shoulders and her silvery face was a mirror of Nathalie's concern. "There's ploughing to be done Stewart." she reminded him, but it wasn't a convincing argument. For a moment the older man turned to her thankful of the way out but she stopped him; "But I think you have old friends to see, maybe get that card of yours renewed. ID13" she closed his hand around the card with hers, kissed him lightly on the mouth and then ever-so-gently pressed him on his way.

Madam of Mercury patted the plough horse on the flank as the three vanished into the heat haze of the loneliest little country's great desert.

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The air hung thick and buzzing in the rebel stronghold which would, had not the war fallen on Lovely's fair shores, have been the foundations for the government houses of Lovely. As it was the deep foundations had been hastily covered with concrete steel and earth and now served as the hide out for the twenty strong group of freedom fighters lead by the man simply known as The Revolutionary One. That man now stood leaning against a hastily cobbled together stage while his rag tag army talked loudly about the proposed meeting. He leant on his cobbled together bow and looked across his team. They had been with him since the beginning but they had changed so much, once office workers, internet junkies, normal folk, now taking on storm troopers with weapons salvaged, stolen, or down right invented from what ever they could find. He was sure one had something made from a toaster.

The more unusual sight were the four in the corner, they had laptops on their laps, they where leaning into them and comparing notes, they where all male, all in their mid twenties apart from one, another victim of the fallout from 'the bombs', the fifty year old instead of going grey was growing grey fur all over. Everyone knew him of course. He was the Wom-

bat, leader of The Burrow, a gang of computer hackers. If The Angel was the only free voice left in the world, they were the only free information.

The voice of said Angel, from the stage above, had quieted the rabble of the room. Even the Burrow had lifted their heads from their laptops.

“Ladies, Gentlemen,” she stopped as “nevermore” came from the edge of the stage. Nathalie nodded to her virtual warrior in the wings “Friends” she finished on.

“We all knew each other once. We all shared time, stories, and most importantly dreams with one another. A dream that almost a year ago was down trodden by the nightmare.”

She looked at her cybernetic arm unknown to those here assembled. Hidden under a long velvet blue sleeve and leather glove.

“As you know, each of us, in our own way, is here today because we are still fighting for the joke that became a dream, that became a joke, and then a reality. Our Lovely, lonely country.” her eyes scanned the room falling slowly on wombat, he ran his hand through the grey whiskers, his gift from the bombs that has scorched the planet.

“Wombat, sorry, Keith, and The Burrow, have kept the gates of information open, Rev and his freedom fighters have hampered Koren and The Master’s troops at every turn. Pasta” she nodded to the figure in the dark eating “has kept us fed and entertained.” She turned to another figure, a beauty hiding in the dark her ebony skin swam with the ever changing whole body art, her ‘gift’ from the bombs. “Status has linked us all running through the waste of our”

Nathalie didn’t get to finish, the thirty-something wannabe loveable rogue had leapt on the stage and lifted his voice to address the crowd. About time too, a few seconds longer and even the large eye piece computer screen that rested on Nathalie’s left cheek would not cover the tears welling in her mahogany eyes.

“Brothers, sisters in arms, we don’t need reminding what we do. What we’ve done. What we still do! We are all here because we fight!” a roar from the assembled punctuated nicely sounding the exclamation mark Rev almost managed to verbally pronounce.

“We’re here because of what we will give, and what we have given, to the bombs” he nodded at Meow Pumpkin, who crouched next to status rubbing a half paw half hand over her cat like ears.

“And to the soldiers of The Master” He spat the name like it hurt his mouth to shape around the syllables “and his evil!” he flicked up his eye patch to reveal the steel replacement that adorned his left socket and the scar that ran vertically through it.

“The Angel has brought us here for one reason, one reason only: TO FIGHT!” once more the assembled crowd roared in a way that suggested there was twice the number actually cheering. Even the members of The Burrow had turned away from the RSS feeds and shut their laptops, Schaferlord had even unplugged!

Rev opened his mouth to utter the next rebel rousing command.

The cool dark burgundy liquid washed slowly over and over against the clear walls of its plastic prison, before splashing with concussive force against the opposite clear plastic barrier.

Rev went down with a thud, the shadowy female figure smirked from the banister high above, but it was a loving expression. The bottle of Vimto rolled from Rev's head off the stage and plopped onto the floor. Where she had got Vimto in the middle of this war was a mystery but that's what she did now, the mysteries, the impossible, for the right person at the right price.

"For old time's sake" she giggled.

Rev looked up almost growling

"How did you know where we were bitch?" he spat with mock indignation.

"Please" the young woman said stepping into the thin light cast by the bare bulbs hanging from the roof "It's my business to know"

Nathalie's scanners and intel had long since identified the new comer; Mommy had e-mailed from across the room "trouble, she's mercenary, information for the highest bidder"

The Angel smiled "Sarah" she nodded

"Nat" came the reply.

CULTURE

Leafstorm sweeps through Baftas

By Citizen Saz

The BAFTAs recently held their awards ceremony for the Television Craft categories, and although it is a somewhat less glitzy and star filled event than the more well known BAFTAs, nonetheless it was a monumental occasion in which the technical side of Television is put under the spotlight.

Leafstorm, the company behind "How To Start Your Own Country" were nominated for two new categories, and many Lovelies held their breath in anticipation for an award winning country. The categories entered for were as follows:

New Media (New Category**)**

Awarded for creative or technical achievement to a new media developer. Entries can be made by channels/broadcasters or production companies to recognise an individual's work across any new media. Any form of new media is eligible including web, mobile and red button interactive TV, or any cross-platform combination.

Break-through Talent Award

This Award is not a true 'beginner's award'. It is designed to recognise those whose talents have come to fruition between 1 January and 31 December 2005. An entry might comprise one piece of work or a number of programmes, each of which must have been transmitted during 2005.

This Award will pay tribute to emerging talent displayed throughout any part of the behind-the-camera production process - from development through to delivery and across all genres.

The list of nominees included some nail biting competition, especially when up against "Doctor Who" in both categories, and then the ever popular (if confusing) "Lost" for which the website must hold about as many secrets as the plot.

But it was Leafstorm which “stormed” (excuse the pun) off with both awards, well deserved I might add (although my view is slightly bias, it's one which I am sure is shared by many). The New Media Developer Award especially is one for which Leafstorm must easily have been favourite. Between the use of interactive TV, that infamous “red button”, straight after the show aired on the BBC to show the special “Citizen TV” broadcasts which themselves were live and involved email and phone contact with viewers, as well as the www.citizens-required.com website which would evolve as the series progressed, adding information according to the programme, and then culminating of course with the BBC forum, there was no way they could not have walked off easily clutching the BAFTA.

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- MISHA MANSON-SMITH - High Spirits with Shirley Ghostman (Tiger Aspect Productions/BBC3)
- **LEE PHILLIPS - How To Start Your Own Country (Leafstorm/BBC2)**
- EDWARD THOMAS - Doctor Who (BBC Wales Drama/BBC1)

NEW MEDIA DEVELOPER:

- MORGAN HOLT, GENEVIEVE DERSLEY, PASA MUSTAFA - All New Cosmetic Surgery Live - mobile streaming (Victoria Real part of Endemol UK/Five)
- JO PEARCE, ANDREW WHITEHOUSE - Doctor Who - Attack of the Graske - interactive red button game/website (BBC Wales Drama/BBC1)
- JANINE SMITH, MARK LIMB, TRACY BLACHER - Lost Untold - website (Hi-REs! London/www.channel4.com)
- **LEE PHILLIPS, JULIAN PEARSON, PATRICK CAMERON - How To Start Your Own Country/Citizen TV- website (Leafstorm/BBC2/BBCi/ www.citizens-required.com)**

Big congratulations to Lee Phillips, Julian Pearson, Patrick Cameron and all others at Leafstorm and Picture. We would all like to thank them for everything they have done for us. “How To Start Your Own Country” is more than just a programme, it is what has united many of us as friends and more. Without all their hard work our lives as citizens would not be what they are now.



DOUBLE WHAMMY AT THE BAFTAS!

By Lee Phillips, Leafstorm

The BAFTA Television Craft Awards, which took place at London's swanky Dorchester Hotel on Friday night, saw Leafstorm come away with a gong in both of their nominated categories.

The first BAFTA was presented to writer, producer, director Lee Phillips in a new category celebrating the industry's 'Break-Through Talent' for his work on How to Start Your Own Country.

Next up came the award for 'New Media Developer', which saw Lee take to the stage once again. This time he was joined by fellow nominees Julian Pearson (from Leafstorm) and Patrick Cameron (from the design company Picture) to collect a BAFTA for their innovation across www.citizensrequired.com and the interactive 'state broadcasts', Citizen TV.

Lee and Julian have been overwhelmed by the recognition, and wish to thank everyone who has helped to make How to Start your Own Country such a success. Special thanks go to our King, Danny Wallace who was clearly instrumental to the success of the project, and of course to the thousands of citizens, whose continued support has meant Lovely continues to go from strength to strength.

Right ahead, left behind

By ID06

Soon we are moving to our new home, leaving our "home town". I left my hometown when I was seven, I still remember that day. We should always remember the day we move from the BBC boards.

Let's just pause for a moment to think of all those thousands of Citizens who joined us and then left us, who will never know that we left the BBC site. As some sort of memorial to them all, I have made a short list of names, all are Citizens who each posted just once. One name from each message board (except Prison, for obvious reasons) Let this list of names represent the thousands of Citizens who are not going to be moving with us, those who will be left behind while we go right ahead.

pompuswazak

lady

noonoo

Robertp

Hidden_wounder

jreich

paulnugent

james_the_saint

robingram02

skagal

head_of_chimps

brizzomagic

streathamandy

TheRedandWhiteMonkey

diapsid

naeemmoosa

HRiyaz

Guido_Fawkes

PrinceSteveOfWisdom

purplepigswithfigs

Knight of the Living Threads

By threadwatcher

It started eight months ago, at the beginning of October: The Longest Threads list. The top 10 back then were:

Count down from 10,000!
"The Person Above You" Game
HOBO's FORUM
The 3 word story
strip club
PIRATES WANTED
The United King-Dan
Count up to 5000
Be Random
We are supposed to be a nice nation!

And it ended on March 16th/17th with most of the longest threads being closed. So I discontinued the regular updates of the Longest Threads list, which by that time had 60 threads with over 3000 posts. No sooner had we reached our One Millionth Post then suddenly half of those million posts were rewarded with closure, and it has continued. There were a few survivors, the once hugely popular Lovely Chippy remained open until just three weeks ago, and had 5,464 posts. And if you search hard enough you might still find an old London Meet thread which hasn't been closed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1125501&latest=1>

That's the 7th October one, the longest of the weekly threads, and it's still open. Be my guest, we're leaving anyway. Actually, while I'm at it, feel free to search my discussion list for other Long Threads which may be still open, go and post on them. After all, an unused thread might as well be a closed thread, what's the difference?

The two longest threads before closure were, as discussed in a previous issue of the GA, the Person-Above-You Game and Psychopotatoes Bar & Grill, which battled it out for top spot so much that between them they totalled almost ninety thousand posts. Can you imagine that now? I believe that without intervention of moderators the top spot would by now belong to the "12000 Reasons we love a day at the cricket" thread, which was removed when it reached 15,000 posts. Its users have faithfully maintained a series of similarly named threads, which between them total 73,984 posts (and they haven't slowed down). Since each thread is strictly a replacement for the previous thread when closed, I hereby allow this score and name the 12000 Reasons as Longest Thread in Lovely.

But there were of course many many more threads which were closed. The best tribute I can give them is to provide the links here. If you miss them, go and read them now.

Punk Rock Citizens

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=776358>

Riot Squad HQ

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307887?thread=1666640>

Hobo's Harbor

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1003276>

Chez Isabelle

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1262861>

Counter Terrorist Unit

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2293116?thread=748587>

Tea Appreciation Society

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1158769>

The Lars & Giddsey Show

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307741?thread=1295116>

Von Weizsacker's Gentlemen's Club

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=1012121>

Viva! Viva!

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=784649>

What's your claim to fame?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=903708>

PIRATES WANTED

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=740656>

Up on the Roof

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2165691>

The Ministry Of General Debauchery

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=960868>

strip club

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307507?thread=850213>

oldies but goldies

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2293115?thread=988860>

breasts

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=829970>

The Dearheart Family Burrow

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307503?thread=2321527>

Log Cabin in the Woods

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2406276?thread=1078927>

Finally, I have been saving the first 200 posts of several hundred long threads in the Lovely Museum. If in future you would like a copy of something, please email lovelymuseum@yahoo.co.uk

threadwatcher

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/MP2172155>

Banished from Lovely!

By Saz

The unthinkable happened. There I was on Wednesday 24th May, during a break between the screenings of all three of the X-Men trilogy. I'd got a call during the first film which (obvious reasons) I'd not answered, but afterwards had a text message from a certain Moose informing me that I had been banished from Lovely, and to ask a certain Prophet of the

Amber variety for details. Hmm... that missed call had been from her. Suspicions were high. What had she done now! Banished?! Me?!?! I gasped in disbelief... I'd missed going to a book reading with the King in order to see the preview screening of X-Men 3 with Razerbug, and now I find that my dear friends have conspired against me to remove me from my beloved country. Another call... I glance at the screen name flashing up at me and answer it. "What did you do?????" I ask sternly. I believe there was actually a laugh, though I'm sure that's just my memory playing tricks on me, I'm sure there was just the sounds of concern as Amber Prophet retold the story of how she'd "accidentally" dobbed me in to the King, and how he'd taken the rather drastic step to ban me from Lovely.

I can tell you're confused, so I'll go back a step or two and see if this can make any sense.

Danny Wallace, our King, was doing a book reading in Clapham Junction for the re-release of his book "Yes Man", an excellent inspiring read in which he allows his life to be ruled by the "yes". On reading it, many have found themselves to also follow this rule to a less extravagant degree, and this is where the trouble starts. I myself have been known to change according to the "yes". I only agreed to go to a London Meet back in August last year because I felt hypocritical saying no when I was reading the book... and for a long while, Amber Prophet would do her utmost to follow the rule as well. This is where the trouble starts. I may have abused this fact. Once or twice, but of course not for the purposes of evil!!! Except maybe that one time she had to have tequila, but anyway, that was once! All other times involved her joining a group of citizens for a nice day out, or a meet with friends, so I can't be blamed for that, surely! Well apparently I can. During the Q&A session with Danny after the reading, AP asked what he thought of those who twisted questions knowing that the answer given would be a positive. His reply was that it was outrageous, and demanded (although I suspect he merely asked "who?") would be guilty of such a "crime". My dear, dear friend AP then without hesitation announced loudly and clearly that it was "citizen Saz!" to which Danny then said:

"Well she's banished!"

Okay, so straight after he did say that I was let back in, but that I would have a record! Me?! A law abiding well behaved Lovely. Stop coughing at the back! I heard that! Tsk...

Anyway, knowing I was going to see a book signing with Danny the following day, I plotted ways of getting AP banished. With glee I hatched many a plan, plotted ways to reveal her dastardly true self and the secrets behind the "Tea Appreciation Society". Out of the few going to see the lunchtime signing at Covent Garden's Fopp store, I arrived first, soon joined by ID who I'd not actually realised was coming, but he'd prodded me with an umbrella. We stood around, chatted for a bit as we waited for the others to arrive, then down the stairs came Danny. He recognised us (though I suspect it was more ID he noticed) and came over to say hello, and instantly I started tutting and shaking my head. Instead of a cheery welcome to the King I turned away...

"You banned me!" I shrieked.

"Ah.. I did.... but I let you back!" (Good comeback from Danny)

"Yes.. but you banned me!!" I repeated with a shake of my head. (Touche!)

Danny looked sheepishly at the floor. "Sorry..." I felt bad. I considered the TAS secrets... imagined what to reveal about AP which would clear my good name. I let the moment pass. Infuriatingly nice, that's me.

The others arrived, we hung around, ID lay on the floor and he even shushed the King whilst talking to Tony Hawks. We heard how both Tony and Danny were good friends, and that there's podcasts recorded with the aid of a few bottles of wine which (to Danny's words) are "strange", but might still be included on either of their homepages for our enjoyment (note to self: nag both via email until it's uploaded). We hung around some more, got our big pile of books and stuff signed. I even made sure Danny wrote down that I was def-

initely allowed back on one of the CR business cards I had to hand... brilliant! Bit like a "get out of jail free" card. I'm now invincible in Lovely!! Woohoo!

Ahem. Yes. Well behaved and good. That's me. So that's my story. A future GA piece will no doubt reveal the truth behind Amber Prophet...

Floast Chef Zsu-Zsu

An interview

By ID06

The Lovely Message Boards have a great many ideas which crop up over and over again. One of the oldest and most recurring is the idea of a National Food. I once counted twenty "National Food" threads just for a two week period last August. Of all the suggestions for a national food, there is one idea which has entered the popular imagination more than any other. I refer, of course, to Floast. After many months of waiting, I have finally managed to have a chat with Lovely's first and foremost Floast Chef, Zsu-Zsu. Please, dear readers, make yourselves some floast and read on.

Hello Zsu-Zsu

Hi

You've been around since the early days of Lovely, right?

Yes. If I remember rightly I joined as a citizen the morning after the first episode of 'How To Start Your Own Country' was aired.

I joined about fifteen minutes after that first episode ended, those were exciting days

They certainly were. It was something completely different and fun.

All I can remember about you was in the Floast thread, the main one. Can you remember how Floast came into being?

Well yes but only because I've read the past postings on the original thread. My fellow Floast buddies told me the link to the original thread where the idea of Floast was first thought up.

Somebody called Steve first used the word "Floast" if I remember rightly

Yes. stevex35. I think it started on one of the "What Shall We Have As Our National Dish?" threads.

There were lots of those New ones still appear from time to time So, what exactly is Floast?

Well lots of people were playing around with the idea of having toast, then GingerTommy suggested flan, as it was so versatile. Then someone suggesting mixing the two - and then Steve came up with the name. Floast is a hybrid of flan and toast. Essentially.

How does one combine them? Use toast as a flan base?

Not quite. Basically it's like making a flan but with a toast mixture as the filling. The flan base is the same as any old flan base - either shop bought or home-made. But the toast is made into breadcrumbs, mixed with egg and milk and then put onto the flan base. Then it's all baked in the oven and topped with pretty much anything you like.

Sounds tasty. Has anyone ever made Floast for real?

Of course! I was the first to make it, as I'd come up with the recipe, and I played around with how to make it, and tried it with various different toppings. Since then lots of the Floast supporters have tried it out, and we're hoping that many more still will!

You've tried a variety of Floasts then, that's good to know. What did you try first? Was it an immediate success or did you have to adjust the recipe?

Well before I'd even tried out the recipe we actually had two ideas for how to make it flying around. The second, which has turned out to be the lasting recipe was the best, as the first didn't really capture the essence of the whole flan-and-toast-combo properly. The idea was to mix both the toast AND flan into breadcrumbs and then mix it all with egg and milk and fry, like a crumby omelette.

Which toppings work best?

That depends completely on the person who's planning on eating the Floast. My personal favourites are cheese - always good - and actually tinned peaches were really good. Chocolate too never fails

But not together

No not together. Although... I'll challenge someone to try that... you never know...

Ah, chocolate. Everyone likes to experiment with chocolate

Tee hee yes

If I liked peaches I would try it myself. With stilton of course. Have you tried Floast with Stilton?

Are you not a fan of peaches?

Nope. Nectarines are ok though

No I don't think we have tried it with stilton actually *shock horror* You should give it a whirl

I will. And so should you

I might just have to

How often do you eat Floast?

Well actually, I'm going to disappoint you now...I haven't had any in quite a while... *hangs head in shame*

Not to worry. Between you and me and the readers I eat other cheeses as well as stilton

SHOCK!

There now, we've both confessed our food-related sins

I sincerely hope that mature cheddar is among those other cheeses?

Yes it is. Have you been writing down any Floast recipes?

Indeed we have. There's even a whole website dedicated to Floast and the many different topping suggestions we've had. That website was created with huge thanks to Graeme, who's been another of the driving forces behind Floast. (www.floast.tk by the way)

Everyone should try Floast at least once. Is it best suited to any particular time of day?

Exactly! There was a plan to create some kind of pre-packaged Floast to sell in supermarkets. Nope, the beauty of Floast is that it can be enjoyed at any time because of the fantastic versatility.

Floast in supermarkets, eh? Has anything come of this plan?

Not as of yet...There were many ideas floating (or floasting, if you will) around as to how we would go about creating Floast pre-packaged ready to sell, and so nothing really got

decided. What was decided though was that there should be Floast Chef Licences for people wishing to become Floast chefs to make Floast for the consumption of other people. We couldn't possibly have people eating sub-standard Floast, and so getting people who were fully qualified was the only way to do that.

How would a Citizen apply for such a licence?

Well, again, that was another one of those ideas which floated about and never really came to anything - there is a guestbook on the website which people can sign to sign-up to be trained to become Floast Chefs and gain their Floast Chef Licences, but no-one seemed very interested at the time. I think I'm the only actual Floast Chef in existence actually.

Then perhaps it should be you who decides who gets a Licence. I see from looking the Floast website that a Floast food fight was planned, did that ever happen?

Again, no. God it sounds really awful doesn't it?? We had all these plans and none of them ever came about. Well the idea of the Floast Fight was added to the plans myself and Weaselwoman (Head of The Department of Afternoon Tea and Tea Time Snacks - or DATTS for short) had made for a Great Cream Tea Fight sometime during the summer, in order to promote the work of DATTS, but then we had the idea to have a Floast Fight as well, as it was a cause that we were both committed to.

Hehe, sounds like my kind of thing. Did you meet any Floast fans when you were at the Naming at Leicester Square in September?

Yes I was lucky enough to meet Evilina, Goodwill Ambassador for Lovely, who all the Floast supporters had supported since the elections for her post. She was very lovely - Hi Evilina if you're reading this!

Hi from me too. Finally, do you have anything to say to the GA readers at all? any special message?

Err...yes - Try Floast! And also I'd just like to say a very huge thank you to all the Floast supporters who've helped it to grow over the (almost) year since its first inception. That's Ginger Tommy, stevex35, Albert Heijn, Graeme, Weasel Woman, Pope G, PirateAsTheArtist, Evilina, BJC and everybody else who has helped and supported Floast! Keep Floasting my Lovelies!

Thank you very much Zsu-Zsu, it's been a pleasure

And of course you Stewart

The legendary FLOAST thread:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307505?thread=757213>

The FLOAST website address once again:

<http://www.floast.tk/>

(Includes over 40 recipes)

The Beaus Are Back In Town!

By Babs

That's right, you heard it here first folks. The Beaugian revival is up and running. You may have seen it reappear in our names, you may have heard the distant hum of the anthem, or our Microvision song, but its back, whether you like it... or not.

You may remember our fortnightly articles, whether it be a friendly update, or an entire history, we thought, that, now were back (in case you didn't know by now) we'd pick out a few of our 'best bits'

HRH Don Sub-Commandante Beau, Jan 3, 2006

You can be whatever you want Pasta (depending upon your age...and species)

PirateAsTheArtist, Jan 3, 2006

45, Homo Sapiens Sapiens - does that help?

HRH Don Sub-Commandante Beau, Jan 3, 2006

Family So far:

Sub-Commandante-Son

Isabelle (of Chez Isabelle)-Mother

Citizen Love-Aunt

Citrus Burst-Aunt?

Pasta-Embarassing Cousin ;-)

Rock4Babs-Dog

PirateAsTheArtist, Jan 3, 2006

PAsTA placing an ad in a Singles column...

PirateAsTheArtist, Jan 3, 2006

I am young, free and single!

No...I am free and single!

Hang on...I am...

I...am...errr...oh well :-(

HRH Don Sub-Commandante Beau, Jan 3, 2006

I am young, free and single!

PirateAsTheArtist, Jan 3, 2006

<grr>"

Metarphosis Number 1

Crown Prince Babs of Beaugium, Jan 4, 2006

tail and ears droop, wanders upstairs

Crown Prince Babs of Beaugium, Jan 4, 2006

Isa finds dog hung upstairs

Isabelle, Jan 4, 2006

<yikes>Oh no! It's terrible.

No!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Poor dog, it's Ok, we won't give you to the werewolf. It was to make you to behave better!

Are you all right now? Some nice food

_____/

Crown Prince Babs of Beaugium, Jan 4, 2006

keith dosnt respond...DUH!

Isabelle, Jan 4, 2006

Oh no!

:-(I'm crying now

I'm not Chezbot, Jan 4, 2006

Hey Family *waves from outta town*

Isabelle, Jan 4, 2006

Hello Lady H!

Please help -something terrible has happened. The dog has died.

What can we do?

PirateAsTheArtist, Jan 4, 2006

It's alright - it's not dead yet... *gives Mouth-to-Nose Resuscitation to dog*

I'm not Chezbot, Jan 4, 2006

mmmmmmmmmmmm ok I have a plan

A) We get a new one!

B) We get Leo form charmed to come and bring it back to life

C) We stuff it and put it in the corner

d) I haven't got anymore ideas

Crown Prince Babs of Beaugium, Jan 4, 2006

A bright orange light appears as the dog suddenly goes through a metamorphasis he explodes and changes into a...a...a...fish?!

Gasp! Rasp!

is not in water hinthint!

PirateAsTheArtist, Jan 4, 2006

Throws fish into nearby aquarium

Crown Prince Babs of Beaugium, Jan 4, 2006

takes deep breath

Thank you!

all the other fish surround him and welcome him to the tank.

Isabelle, Jan 4, 2006

Ha! So, Keith is now a fish?

Crown Prince Babs of Beaugium, Jan 4, 2006

needs help.

Erm guys - what kind of fish am I? I can't see!

bickiebeej, Jan 4, 2006

Status... where is she... I've lost my specs

Isabelle, Jan 4, 2006

<doh> Oh no, still problems!"

The Founding Of Beaugium

Crown Prince Babs of Beaugium, Jan 28, 2006

Shall we go one better and just buy Belgium, or...?

Seal the Deal on the Isle of Man?

CitizenLove, Jan 28 2006

No, we don't want the Isle of Man, weirdos live there.

Crown Prince Babs of Beaugium, Jan 29, 2006

We are the official monarchy family in Belgium... I couldn't resist, ok?

King PAsTA and Queen Isabelle II of wait for it...Beaugium!

They're just three of my favourite and defining Beau moments. Feel free to ask for some more of your favourites. Perhaps one of us will create a Beau Library.

Please feel free to visit us:

Join Our Family:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2293115?thread=1853918>

The Royal Principality of Beaugium:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2109811>

Lots of Love from

The Beau Family

ENTERTAINMENT

This Week's Lovely Police Reports

Anon

This week the Lovely dogs home was broken into, police say they have no leads. In another incident the Lovely Chemist's shop was raided, 100 cakes of soap were stolen, the thieves got clean away.

A freak accident led to the demise of a citizen on Tuesday. He was found drowned in his bowl of muesli. Police think that he was pulled under by a strong currant.

A suspicious hole has appeared on Lovely's main street, police are looking into it.

Police are looking for a man they describe as wearing a brown paper hat, brown paper jacket and trousers and brown paper shoes. He is wanted for rustling.

Police were called to an incident at the Lovely ice cream van. An eye witness describes the scene as gruesome. The driver was found dead with chocolate flakes up each nostril, raspberry sauce all over his head and his body entirely covered with hundreds and thousands. Investigators say that it looks like he topped himself.

Panic broke out this week when a suspicious parcel was found in Lovely. The bomb squad was called but the parcel was reported as containing nothing more dangerous than several unused forfeits and a pair of odd socks. Police are looking for a criminal mastermind known only as The Lovester. They say that there is no doubt that she will Be Involved.

Sudoku

By Cpeachok

4	2		6	3		5		
					7			4
7	1		4		9	6		
9		1		2			7	6
					6	3		1
2	6			7			5	
	4			6		9		5
6		8			2			
1	9		5			2		8

Puzzle 0007

Sudoku

The Solution

By Cpeachok

The solution to the puzzle in the last issue...

5	7	1	2	8	3	9	4	6
9	3	8	4	5	6	2	1	7
2	4	6	1	9	7	8	5	3
4	6	9	7	1	2	3	8	5
8	1	3	6	4	5	7	2	9
7	2	5	9	3	8	1	6	4
6	9	7	8	2	4	5	3	1
1	5	2	3	6	9	4	7	8
3	8	4	5	7	1	6	9	2

Solution 0006

Poetry

Anonymous

Falling

Falling, Falling,
 Waiting to die,
 Falling, Falling,
 Can I fly?
 Falling, Falling,
 Hit the ground,
 Falling, Falling,
 Made no sound,
 Falling, Falling,
 I cant weep,

Falling falling,
I cant sleep,
Falling, Falling,
Hear my yelp,
Falling, Falling,
There's no help,
Falling, Falling,
Hit my head,
Falling, Falling,
Now I'm dead.

A sensitive touch

(For those who have died of cancer)

Take my hand
For it may be my last
Dance with me slowly
My time is going fast

Take my hand
And lead me astray
Hold me closer
Lets dance the night away

Take my hand
Show me the stars
Show me the moon
That seem so far

Take my hand
As I fall into my sleep
Hold my heart forever
And please don't weep

Take my death
And scatter it over the night
Watch the ashes sweep away
And see my eternal light

13 Year Old Angel

I think im in love
With a boy at my school
He winks at me in class
He almost makes me drool
One day I got a note
It was a great day
He asked me on a date
It almost made me faint
I got a red dress
For my date on that night
I put on my shoes
I ran, and took flight
That might sound odd
That I took flight
But I should tell you

I'm an angel in light
I passed away when I was a teen
In a car accident
I crossed and was never seen
I dream about my boy
Who sent me that note
Who now sails away 20 years later
On his little boat

A LOVELY QUIZ

By Mcmo

All the answers to these question can be found somewhere on the boards.

1. Who offered to duel with Schaf for the role as head quinger
 2. Who wore party hats at the most recent London brunch walkabout?
 3. Who likes Ice Cream but apparently not tea?
 4. What was Kitizen Oscar's answer to the question "When is the best time to plant tulips?"
 5. Who started the pictionary thread?
 6. What was the name of the camel lost by the ambassador of Bognor Regis?
 7. Who restarted the strip club?
 8. When did BJC start the lovely beach? And what did she do there first?
 9. How did the Sentence Of Extraordinary Length start?
 10. Who is the king of Clubs?
 11. And finally. Where is Danny standing in the picture illustrating the security threads?
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The Da Vinci Code

A film review

By Lady_Pie

One Word to discribe The Da Vinci Code..Fantastic, A film packed with twisted thrills, myths and action The Da Vinci Code is a great film to see I give it a 5 star rating. People say that the book "The Da Vinci Code" has sold more copies than the Bible itself. Ron Howard the director of The Da Vinci Code has brought the film to life with such passionate actors with Tom Hanks and Audrey Tatou the basic outline of the story that A murder has broken inside the Louvre Museum, and the greatest suspect is Professor Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks, with a funny new look). As he is watched on close guard by Detective Bezu Fache (Jean Reno), he teams up with Sophie Neveu (Audrey Tatou), a fan of his work. They both discover a series of clues on paintings by Leonardo da Vinci that may end with every pillar of Christianity. This is a must see film and if you don't see it you are missing out on one of the best summer movies there is.

A Huge Ever Growing Pulsating Brain That Is Spreading Further Every Day

By ID06

@@@ It started small in February, the early posts included:

Great oaks from little acorns grow
pours in oatmeal and warm milk...
It looked like it needed feeding...
"Offers spinach and mackerel to the brain"
adds two drops of Magical Drink

@@@ And then it started to grow larger, and gain some kind of power:

Ooooh! It's so huge! And pulsating!!
feels irresistibly drawn to touch the brain
I'm liking the purple bit over there... *points* it kind of... shimmers

I like the way it sends out that almost imperceptible blissful sound.
I wonder if it's sentient yet.
tries telepathy Really? How interesting... *nods wisely*

@@@ And then it grew Larger:

Well it's kind of waving... and still growing... getting a bit cramped in here... anyone mind if I make the board a bit wider?
Loooooooook.....its glowing greenish purple now...
Oh dear non-specific god type thing, what is it doing?
Sssh... I think its... singing?? *Listens intently*

@@@ Two weeks later:

Aiiiiie... its got even HUGERer... and its sending out some kind of flashing signal...
can't quite make it out...
offers parma violets to brain

@@@ 4 weeks ago:

adds a certain special something and runs away very fast
...sorry to interrupt but...IS THIS THING STILL HERE?!!!!
Yes it's still here, but more accurately, it's a very big "here" now, like saying that a mountain range is "here".

@@@ At which point I set off to walk around the HEGPB to find out exactly how large it was:

sets off on a walking expedition around the HEGPB to see how big it actually is.

@@@ That's what I just said, didn't I?

Waves to ID SEE YOU IN A FEW DAYS!!!!
I hope he's packed enough food surely it is possible for the HEGPB to grow quicker than you can walk making your journey infinite?
Who's thinking we should colonise the HEGPB plenty of room for a few cities.
I'm thinking it would swallow up anything we attempt to construct upon it, add to it, fire at it, etc.

Can brains swallow? Still we must try, soon it will engulf the planet then what will we do?

@@@ And then, in the last couple of days, disaster struck:

Oh dear. The Brain is growing through the walls into other threads.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=3104077&post=35762017#p35762017>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2957231&post=35912042#p35912042>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=2930501&latest=1>

The HEGP has now divided in two after a brave-but-failed mission by Crinkle-Cut Beetroot. Who knows what will happen now that there is more than one of it?

Citizens of Lovely, beware of the Huge Ever Growing Pulsating Brain That Rules From The Centre Of The Ultraworld And Grows Larger And Ever More Intelligent While It Spreads Itself To Other Threa//// *a crack appears in the very fabric of this GA article, through which appears.....*

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Announcement

By Friend Computer XP

All Lovely Citizens who are intending on joining their country's first World of Darkness game please follow this link.

http://z4.invisionfree.com/Lovely_WoD/index.php?

For those of you who aren't aware of it World of Darkness is a role-playing game system set in a dark version of the modern world where the supernatural is real. Registration has begun for the first game of *Vampire: The Requiem* in which the players take on the roles of an undead community under threat. *Werewolf the Forsaken* is also on its way and we have plans for games of *Mage: The Awakening*, *Promethian: The Created* and a *WoD: Mortal* mystery based story.

Watch this space for character fan fiction based on game events!

Thanks

Ian (aka Friend Computer XP)

Domain Storyteller of Lovely



The Lovelyvision Song Contest Has Arrived and Needs You!

Hey there! Yes its Sir Shadow Sugar here and the Lovelyvision song contest needs participants so if you are interested visit:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2262799?thread=3036000>

or

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/dna/dannywallace/F2307713?thread=3035877>

and follow the instructions

Can't Wait Till This Starts!

Sir Shadow Sugar

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Tagg FC end of season Awards 2005-2006

By Giddsey

Welcome to the annual Tagg FC post season party and awards ceremony.

The party will continue for as long as you want, could even be days knowing you lot.
So before you start boozing I'll make some announcements.

The awards:

The Award for Players' Player, somewhat embarrassingly goes to coach giddsey for, well you tell me. And also to Marie for her massage work with the lads.

Managers Player of the year:

Winner, Lars 'the bung' Dudley .

For loyal service and wearing the Tagg shirt with pride, even in tescos 🤔 Well played Lars, you will always have a place at Tagg FC.

Fans Player of the Year:

Winner, Ray of the Tagg.

For showing the silky touch of a football legend. Well played Ray, you too belong to Tagg.

FA player of the year:

Winner, Biffa.

For long service in the game and being a true professional 🤔

Chairman's Player of the year:

Winner, psychoRev.

Reasons with-held for political purposes.

Well played those of you who won awards, and a big thank you to all of Tagg FC.

May we long continue to reign supreme as the greatest Team never to be seen.

We move boards soon and i hope you all become Tagg players again on the new site.

Again Thanks lads, one and all.

Get to the bar, the drinks are on me!

coach giddsey

I've spoken to Sven and the revised England squad reads:

Robbo
Lars 'the bung' Dudley
Green

Neville
Ferdinand
A Cole
Terry
Carragher
Biffa
Babs

Beckham
J Cole
Gerrard
Lampard
Carrick
Ray of the Tagg
Pompey 'crack addicted badger' gaz
psychoRev
Marc

Rooney
Crouch
Owen
NickNack

Staff:
Sven.
McLaren, Coach giddsey
Marie

Well played lads.
good luck in Germany .

coach giddsey

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